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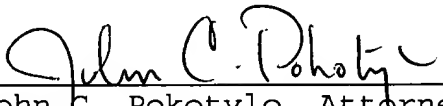
The reference discloses technology that varies a substrate voltage (V_{sub}) applied to a CCD imager, stepwise, in accordance with exposure conditions.

The applicants preserve the right to establish that the reference listed on the attached PTO-FORM-1449 is not prior art to the above-captioned application.



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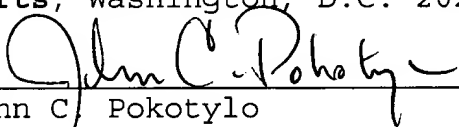
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